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THE EVENING STAR has the fullest local circulation of any newspaper in the world, and as an advertising medium is more than all the other papers published in Washington.

The Port Tobacco Times explains the new registration law of Maryland for the Star's benefit. According to this explanation the purpose of the statute was merely to disfranchise "hundreds of Washington negroes who had no vestige of home or other interest in Maryland," annually imported by the republicans. "It was to remedy this great mischief that the statute in question was passed and it is to be construed in that light." "As long as a man has any kind of a home or habitation here or leaves his family here, he does not come within the scope of the law." The rule of statutory construction adopted by the Times is exceedingly simple. Ask the framers of the law what they had in mind, and that is the law. No matter what the words of the statute may be. Unfortunately the courts have not found themselves able to adopt the Port Tobacco rule in all its simplicity. It is only when the words of the law are not clear, that the courts have inquired concerning the intention of its framers. If the purpose of the law was as the Times asserts, its framers have bungled the job of constructing it. It is much too sweeping in its terms to stop short with the accomplishment of the alleged purpose. Those Marylanders temporarily sojourning in Washington who have been disfranchised by the registers, notwithstanding the fact that they are not negroes, and have property or families in Maryland, and in many cases are not republicans, will derive all the consolation they can from the confident assurance by way of Port Tobacco that the thing was not intended and can't be done. The words of the law are plain, and if they are rigidly adhered to, as in the cases of some of the Washington sojourners, then Senator Gorman and the Marylanders who take up their residences with their families at the seashore during the summer must also be disfranchised. The law cannot blow hot and cold with the same breath.

Little is to be added to what The Star and other papers have already said of Justice Miller, who died last night. The dead jurist was one of the ablest men who have occupied a seat on the Supreme Bench. He has been compared with Marshall in the strength of his native intelligence and his knowledge of elementary principles. It is certain that he impressed himself upon the public as no other federal judge of our time has done as an expounder of our constitutional system as it has been defined by the course of events. Broad in his foundations he has been catholic in his judgments and national in a historical sense in his sympathies. Sympathy with today as distinguished from the too-exclusive construction of yesterday has characterized the federal judiciary during the greater part of its existence. It is the leading feature in the noble career that has just closed. It will not be easy for the President to fill the vacancy created by the death of the lamented Associate Justice.

History repeats itself. Modern invention has not caused powder mills to cease to be dangerous. Fatal carelessness is always with us. These little reflections are suggested by the discovery of the following announcement of an earlier Dupont works explosion in the Christian of Albany, dated June, 1815:

"REMARKABLE PROVIDENTIAL VISITATIONS. WILMINGTON, DEL., June 10th (1815).

On Thursday morning last the powder mill belonging to Mr. Dupont's Powder Works in the vicinity of this town was blown up. This unfortunate occurrence happened at the moment when the workmen were engaged in removing the powder made the day before, six of whom were instantly killed on the spot and three wounded. One of the latter has since died. The loss of property to the proprietors was trifling. But who can speak the bitter anguish of the wife and the orphan, who by this dispensation of Providence are left to mourn their irreparable loss."

With Mr. McKinley himself, Secretary Blaine, Speaker Reed, Gen. Alger, Representative Burrows and others on the republican side, and Gov. Hill, of New York, Senator Carlisle, Gen. Sickles and perhaps other democrats supporting Mr. McKinley's opponent, the contest in the sixteenth Ohio district bids fair to become national before it closes.

In the death of Prof. Thorold Rogers at Oxford one of the ablest of all writers of the history of political economy passes away.

Kookuk, Iowa, is peculiarly represented in recent mortuary lists. Ex-Secretary of War McCready who died recently was from Kookuk, and Ex-Secretary of War Belknap and Justice Miller were also Kookuk men.

The Paris Times says that the German protests against the McKinley bill are premature. While the French protests are only slightly premature.

One English manufacturer speaking of the tariff says the English will make it so warm for the Americans that it will take \$10 of their money to go as far as \$2 of English money. That's all right. We can make \$10 in this country in half the time it takes to make \$2 in England.

Major McKinley opened the republican campaign in Michigan yesterday. Nothing was found in it of the ordinary.

Chicago is entertaining the members of the Verein Deutscher Eisenbahnhüter. This is not an association of anarchists.

A St. Louis lawyer has been dining with the German emperor and Chicago can't trump that to save her life.

The Ohio legislature meets in extra session today to decide the future of Governor Campbell, or words to that effect.

Gov. Gordon of Georgia is perfectly willing to give the Farmers' Alliance an imitation of Cincinnati wrestling with a bull-tongue plow.

The campaign in Pennsylvania appears to be well and hearty.

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Styles that ought to sell and won't sell must be sold to suit. Why on earth it is that these two facts so often cannot tell. They are American-made jackets—but direct copies of two-piece all Paris is wild over. The sleeves and collars are embroidered—this seems to be the objection. They can't stay here if they're not what we wanted. Are you very particular about the embroidery? If you're not, it will be worth something to you.

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